

MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
MAY 17, 2002 MEETING

Members Present: Dell Loy Hansen, Jerry Oldroyd, Karen Alvey, Dave Simmons, Alan Ashton, Ed Ekstrom, Debra Tanzi, Richard Nelson, Shelli Gardner, Kenneth Woolley

Members Absent: Joel Bradford, Mark Howell, Bill Boyle, Barbara Zimonja, Ted Smith

Visitors: Megan Hough, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget; Susan Thackery, Box Elder County; Brice Wallace, Deseret News; Gina Crezee, PacifiCorp; Brian Farr, Attorney General's Office

Staff: David Harmer, Bob Fuehr, Marian Hein, Tina Lewis, Lisa Howe, Tamee Roberts, Chuck Spence, Todd Hauber, Bonnie Burley, Ron Richins, Jeri Openshaw, Inge Krogue, Rod Linton, Kelly Day

Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Chairman Dell Loy Hansen welcomed everyone to the meeting and called for a motion on the April 19, 2002 minutes.

MOTION: Karen Alvey moved to approve the April 14, 2002 minutes pending her submitted changes. Richard Nelson seconded the motion and all favored it passing.

Ed Ekstrom suggested that the DBED Board honor Thayne Robson who recently passed away. Chairman Hansen asked Mr. Ekstrom to draft a letter on behalf of the Board to Mr. Robson's family acknowledging his contribution to the state of Utah.

Review of DBED Board Statutes

The review of the DBED Board Statutes was postponed until the June meeting.

Division Report

Robert Fuehr briefly reported on the CoreNet Conference and congratulated Chuck Schell for doing such a terrific job with the conference.

The DBED program director's held a two-day strategic planning session to start the process of creating a division-wide strategic plan which will incorporate the Governor's 1000-day plan. The group will reconvene in mid June to finalize the new plan. Mr. Fuehr noted that David Harmer, DCED's new executive director, participated in both days of the retreat and was able to gain a first hand knowledge of all the DBED programs and directors.

Chairman Hansen introduced David Harmer to the board members welcomed him to the department.

CoreNet Wrap-up

Chuck Schell reported that the CoreNet Conference was a tremendous success by all accounts. This conference, the first since Nacore and IDRC merged, exceeded the expected number of registrants by approximately 200. The actual attendance by all participants was 2,500 which included the CoreNet members, national and local sponsors, staffs and spouses as well as participants from 16 businesses who contributed either financially or in-kind to the conference. The states of Idaho and Wyoming partnered with us both financially and in helping to facilitate the actual conference. Mr. Schell thanked Chairman Hansen for his sponsorship of the conference and also thanked the conference planning committee members and the numerous volunteers who helped throughout this 4-day conference.

May Consent Calendar

IAF Action Items

David Simmons made the following recommendation from the IAF Committee:

MOTION: David Simmons moved to approve a maximum performance-based disbursement of up to \$80,000 to Grinding Systems, Inc., for the creation of 40 new full-time jobs with a salary meeting or exceeding 125% of the county median wage. The company is also required to locate in a disadvantaged rural area as defined by IAF statute and policies. Before any investment can be made, the final owner of Grinding systems, Inc. must be determined and be financially viable. The company must also commit to keep the jobs in Utah for five years. Karen Alvey seconded the motion and all favored it passing.

Mr. Simmons stated that the IAF Committee recommends that an application from a health food distributor and manufacturer be tabled due to the fact that this company does not fit within the IAF guidelines of a Target Industry, Rural Disadvantaged Area or Corporate Incentive. The Committee expressed strong support for other state Incentive programs suitable for this company and will revisit this IAF application at a later time if the company can conform under IAF guidelines.

Custom Fit Training Action Items

The Custom Fit Training Committee had no action items for Board approval at this time.

June 14, 2002 Proposed Agenda Items

Consent Calendar Items

The next meeting will be June 14, 2002 rather than the regularly scheduled meeting date of June 21, 2002

Other Business

With there being no further business, a motion was moved and approved to adjourn the meeting.